Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In September 2017, Canton, South Dakota, will hold a walk during the annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America; and,

Whereas, Chiari Malformation, a serious neurological disorder that affects 1 in 1000, is a defect in the back of the skull that causes the bottom part of the brain, the cerebellum, to herniate out of the skull, crowding the spinal cord and putting pressure on the brainstem, blocking the normal flow of spinal fluid; and,

Whereas, Scientists believe it is either a congenital condition associated with posterior fossa hyperplasia and/or a genetic condition, often associated with connective tissue disorders such as Ehlers Danlos Syndrome-Hypermobility type. In some circumstances it can also be acquired; and,

Whereas, Symptoms may appear at any age but usually affects children early in life or adults early in adulthood and can include severe headaches, neck and body pain, fatigue, dizziness, muscle weakness, facial weakness, balance problems, numbness and tingling, blurred and double vision, difficulty swallowing, cranial nerve and motor nerve issues, and sleep apnea; and,

Whereas, Those affected by Chiari often face a long journey to diagnosis and treatment due to lack of awareness of the condition, and Conquer Chiari and those who support this organization in South Dakota are committed to spreading awareness to the public and medical community as well as continuing widespread research on Chiari and related conditions Syringomyelia, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, and Dysautonomia-autonomic nervous system dysfunction:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2017, as

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State